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1. On 24, 26, 27 and 31 March 1954, there was air activity by trainers at Bautzen Litten airfield. Swept-back jet fighters and biplanes were occasionally seen aloft on 25, 28, 29 and 30 March, but they were not from this airfield. There was no air activity by trainers between 1 and 15 April. On 12 April, no aircraft were parked outside the hangars.

2. On 9 April, three radio masts were observed west of the flight control station. Work on a fourth hangar at the southern edge of the field had almost been completed. The hangar, a brick structure with wooden roof, was allegedly to house the repair shop. The four hangars were located between kilometer markers 4.4 and 4.7 on the road leading along the southern edge of the field. A barbed-wire fence, about 60 cm high, was being constructed in the extension of the fence along the eastern edge of the field to the north.

3. Source learned from an acquaintance, who was a member  that it was planned to conduct glider training at the field during the Easter holidays. As no instructor was available among the VPL personnel, a civilian named Martin Hafermehl would therefore act as such. A motor winch and 2 model SG 38 and 1 Grunau-Baby gliders were available for this training.

4. About 5:30 p.m. on 12 April, a detail of 30 men marched from the airfield to the Husaren Kaserne. The men wore brown leather jackets, blue trousers and service caps and had no rank insignia. Source determined that telephone connection with the Husaren Kaserne could be established only through the long-distance exchange.  were identified at the barracks installation.

Comment. According to previous observations, the Aeroclub Bautzen, equipped with Yak-11s, is training at Bautzen Litten airfield. The reason for the interruption of training activities in the first half of April is unknown.

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